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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: 9TH CONSULTATIVE MEETING: GUIDELINES FOR EXPERTS MEETING: SUMMARY OF

VIEWS

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1. AS NOTED REFTEL UK DISTRIBUTED A "SUMMARY OF THE VIEWS SO FAR EXPRESSED ON THE GUIDELINES FOR THE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL

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OF EXPERTS" AT EIGHTH MONTHLY PREPARATORY MEETING JUNE 16. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE FOLLOWING APPEARS TO REPRESENT THE CONSENSUS REACHED IN DISCUSSIONS SO FAR, ALTHOUGH SOME COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET EXPRESSED A VIEW.

1. THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT THE GUIDELINES SET OUT

IN ANT/EPM/12 ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE THE MAIN SUBJECT AREAS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE EXPERTS AND MAY BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS AS A GUIDE WHEN CONSIDERING THE SELECTION OF RELEVANT EXPERTS. IN THIS CONNECTION IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT EXAMINATION OF THESE SUBJECT AREAS WOULD BENEFIT FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR MANAGERIAL EXPERTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES BY THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES.

- 2. IT IS ACCEPTED THAT THE GUIDELINES ARE OPEN TO AMENDMENT BY THE EXPERTS IF NECESSARY, AND IN ADDITION TWO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED;
- (A) THAT A NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH (I) SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE GUIDELINES AS FOLLOWS:
- "(I) TECHNIQUES TO ASSESS THE PRESENT STATE OF THE ANTARCTIC ENBIRONMENT AND TO MONITOR CHANGES WHICH MAY OCCUR AS THE RESULT OF MINERAL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION, IF SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE TO OCCUR."
- (B) THAT THE GUIDELINES BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE NOTION THAT THE EXPERTS SHOULD "EXAMINE AND REPORT ON" THE SUBJECTS LISTED, SINCE THIS WAS THE WORDING USED IN PARAGRAPH 19 OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PREPARATORY MEETING IN PARIS IN 1976. THUS THE TEXT OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE GUIDELINES WOULD READ: "..... THIS MEETING SHOULD EXAMINE AND REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL.

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